

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 17, 2025

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Robin LaBuwi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan, Jay Copple and Shane Cockrum. Board member absent: Mitch Bennett.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary and visitor Amy Kolodziej.

4. (CLOSED) EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Purchase or Lease of Real Property **Add per the request of Mr. Minor

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:33 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:54 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Minor – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Mitch Bennett.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary and visitor Amy Kolodziej.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2025

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2025

5.2 Approve Financial Report (June 2025)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (June 2025)

5.4 Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates Issue 118 (ENCL A)

5.5 Approve 1st Reading Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 119 (ENCL B)

5.6 Approve Centerstone MOU (ENCL C)

5.7 Approve Dual Credit Agreement for 2025-2026 between BCHS and RLC (ENCL D)

5.8 Approve Surplus Property (ENCL E)

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- 5.9 Approve Project ECHO and STARQuest Regional Safe School MOU (ENCL F)**
- 5.10 Approve Sponsorship Agreement with People's National Bank (ENCL G)**
- 5.11 Approve Sponsorship Agreement with Skibo Exterior Services (ENCL H)**
- 5.12 Approve Sponsorship Agreement with Kathalynas Spine and Rehab (ENCL I)**
- 5.13 Approve Sponsorship Agreement with Roger Webb Construction and Excavating (ENCL J)**

Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried. A copy of Enclosures C, D, F, G, H, I and J as well as Board Policy Issue 118 have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project updates
- Back to school updates
- Athletic department meeting August 12th

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Jordan Gunter as the Assistant Cross-Country Coach for the 2025-26 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Aaron Sanchez as the Musical Set Director for the 2025-26 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Ryan Skibo, Levi Pearce and Mitch Giacone as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coaches for the 2025-26 SY. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Joseph Smith as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2025-26 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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9.2 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to accept the resignation of Keri Cavins as a part time cook effective July 14, 2025. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Jay Copple made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of Part Time Cook for the 2025-26 SY. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Student Handbook Updates Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the student handbook changes as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Stacia Sloan – no and Marci Glover – no. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Faculty/Staff Handbook Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Faculty/Staff Handbook as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Coaches Handbook Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Coaches Handbook as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Principal/Assistant Principal Evaluation Plan Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Principal/Assistant Principal Evaluation Plan as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.8 Review/Approve Classification of Executive Board Meeting Minutes The executive board meeting minutes from January – June 2025 have been reviewed and the need for confidentiality continues to exist, therefore, Jay Copple made a motion to continue to classify the executive board meeting minutes as confidential. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.9 2025-2026 Budget Hearing Date Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing Date for September 18, 2025 at 5:15 P.M. in the District Board Room. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.10 Review/Approve Additional Building Renovations Alternative Packages Jay Copple voted to approve the Additional Building Renovations Alternative Package as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.11 Review/Approve Water and Sewer Easement with the City of Benton Discussion was held on the item, and then tabled for a future meeting.

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10. FOIA REQUESTS

- Will the school math team from your high schools attend the annual (July) Mu Alpha Theta convention? If so, who will be attending, and who is sponsoring the trip? The request came from Owen Wang, North Egypt News. The request was fulfilled.
- A list of all graduates in the past five school years including the graduation year, name, hometown, and gender. The request came from Owen Wang, North Egypt News. The request was fulfilled for the previous four years, as the fifth year was not retrievable due to our student information program switch from PowerSchool to TeacherEase.

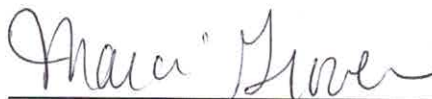
President Mark Minor exited the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

12. ADJOURNMENT Robin LaBuwi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 P.M. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY